

POLAR BEAR UPDATE

Arctic Update



Arctic Military Police Battalion
BLDG 658, Fort Richardson, Alaska 99505

28th MP DET Soldiers Recognized for their work

By CPL Gerard Giblin

The 28th Military Police Detachment was recognized for their hard work and dedication by LTC Howard Hunt on June 1, 2007. CPL Nicole Hardenburgh was presented with the Army Achievement Medal for her work in assisting with the tragic fire that occurred on April 25. SGT Scott Tanner and SGT Bradley Robinson were also awarded Army Achievement Medals for their work with the pre-deployment training of the 17th Combat Service and Support Battalion during the 2nd week of April. SGT Tanner and Robinson instructed Soldiers on proper procedures for searching vehicles and vehicle checkpoints. Soldiers from the 28th MP DET that participated in the Alaska Police Ceremony on May 11th were presented with Certificates of Achievement for the 21 gun salute. SSG Whitney Gardner and SGT Creighton Gore were both promoted to their ranks by LTC Hunt.

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CPL Nicole Hardenburgh receives an AAM for her brave actions during the April 25th fire on Fort Richardson

The Engineer's do more than lay Gravel and Rocks

Charlie Rock recently welcomed their newest Sapper back to the fold after he participated in 28 days of rigorous training at the Sapper Leader Course in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. In a class of greater than 45, Sergeant David Jusino from Earthmoving Platoon was one of only 13 Soldiers who received their Sapper Tab at the conclusion of the course. Sergeant Jusino's preparation, dedication, and physical ability allowed him to work through the many challenges that the course offers.

The Sapper Leader Course trains selected combat engineer unit leaders in leadership skills, combat engineer and infantry battle drills, and the specialized engineer and infantry techniques

required to perform as members of a Sapper Battalion. The course is also designed to build cohesion and esprit de corps by training soldiers in troop leading procedures, demolitions (conventional and expedient), mountaineering operations, aerial operations, airborne operations, foreign weapons, land navigation, waterborne operations and contingency threat. The course culminates in an intense field training exercise that reinforces the use of the battle drills and specialized engineer techniques learned throughout the course.



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C/84th plans to build on Sergeant Jusino's success and train other motivated Soldiers to attend future Sapper Leader Course Classes. Though the mission of a combat heavy engineer company tends to focus on construction missions, the combat engineer and infantry battle drills builds tactical still and confidence that will greatly contribute to the unit when preparing for and executing combat operations. The company is extremely proud of Sergeant Jusino's accomplishments and



A Sapper student conducting waterborne operations during the first phase of Sapper Leader Course

look forward to the contributions that he will undoubtedly make in the future read on, consider your self hooked.

95th Dragon Competition

The month of June was focused on competition between 95th Soldiers and squads. The first week of competition was the annual Dragon's Peak Competition. This event determines the top two Soldiers in the company that will compete against other chemical Soldiers in the Army at Fort Leonard Wood. The event at Fort Richardson last one week and includes events like; land navigation, marksmanship, APFT, boards, skill level 1-4 CBRN tasks, written tests and weapon systems. The competition was tight and came down to the final day which was the board. The two Soldiers that will be representing the 95th Chemical Company this year will be SGT West and SPC Salo, both of 5th platoons. The competition is on 22 June and will be a two day competition at Fort Leonard Wood.

The second week of competition was the 1st annual Iron Dragon Competition. This event was a squad and individual event. The platoons picked their best squad to compete and the individual Soldier competition was on a volunteer basis. The events that were in the competition were as follows: APFT, land navigation, 100 yard dash, swimming, rock climbing, obstacle course, leader's course, bench press, paintball and road marching. These events were conducted over a three day period and tested the Soldiers mentally and physically. The squad that prevailed was 2nd Platoon, 1st squad and the individual male/female winner was SPC Akewe and PV2 Jordan.

To wrap up the two weeks of competition the 95th held a Chemical Ball for all chemical Soldiers that are assigned to USARAK. The Soldiers that won both competitions were recognized at the ball by giving them trophies and coins by the Regimental Command Sergeant Major Alston; who came up from Fort Leonard Wood. There were also three Soldiers that made the trip down from Fort Wainwright and we greatly appreciate their participation.



95th Chemical Soldiers participating in the rug cutting ceremony; from left to right: SSG Thompson, PV2 Wilcox and SGT Blackshear





Nothing Moves until its Clean

The 62d Transportation Company is a brand new company to Fort Richardson. We are starting from the bottom and working our way through establishing a foothold here in Alaska. As a medium truck company our mission is to transport equipment and personnel throughout any area of operation. The company is currently going through a lot of initial growing pains as we continue to welcome in new personnel to fill our ranks and develop our training plans to prepare our vehicle operators and mechanics for any convoy operation.

The Company Commander is CPT Joseph Taylor and First Sergeant is SFC Gregory Courtney. CPT Taylor hails from Maryland and was commissioned at Virginia Tech. His previous duty stations are Fort Irwin, CA; Tikrit, Iraq; Fort Lee, VA; and Sinai, Egypt. He is looking forward to building the highest mileage, most professional, and safest transportation operation in Alaska.

SFC Courtney hails from Arkansas and attended basic and AIT at Fort Jackson, NC. His previous duty stations are Fort Jackson, SC; Fort Dix, NJ; Fort Bragg, NC; and Korea. SFC Courtney brings many experiences to our team as a member of the company softball team, combative level I instructor, senior mechanic, and motorcyclist.



62d Softball Team getting their field assignments

"Nothing happens until something moves!"



SSG Mack, SGT Nold and Williams participated in a Unit Car Wash

4th QM the Black Sheep of the Airborne Corps

By 1LT Christopher Hart

The 4th Quartermaster Detachment (Airborne) is providing the best rigging support for the Arctic Warriors as they continue their mission: rigging equipment and supporting personnel jumps. This was all conducted while changing over to our new battalion, The Arctic Military Police Battalion. In spite of the numerous tasking requests and daily operations, The Black Sheep never skipped a beat and performed our mission with the utmost professionalism and discipline.

This month the 4th QM Det. had two airborne operations on back to back days. The first day, June 11th the Soldiers of the detachment jumped the MC-1 personnel parachutes into Malamute drop zone successfully, with no injuries sustained. The jump was from a C-130 Aircraft as CPT Bellinger,



Soldiers from 4th Quartermaster participate in a Jump on June 11, 2007



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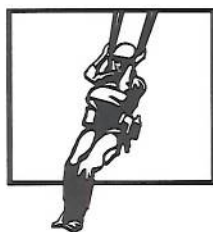
the Airborne Commander for this operation, led the troops into the skies for another jump.

Also on that jump was 2LT Jehle, straight out of Aerial Delivery and Materials Officer's Course (ADMOC) where he was the schools Honor Graduate for the cycle. ADMOC proves to be a challenging course where Officers have the opportunity to do the tasks of the enlisted Soldier: packing, performing parachute maintenance, technical inspections, planning airborne and aerial delivery operations, and jumping personally packed parachutes. 2LT Jehle now understands the Rigger Motto: "I Will Be Sure Always."

Athletically the Detachment has been at the forefront proving how they are fit to fight as multiple Soldiers ran the qualifying race for the Army 10-miler placing excellent times. Right now the unit is anticipating the news about who has qualified for the October race that will take place in Washington, D.C. Additionally, the unit placed 2nd overall in the May Fort Richardson Physical Fitness week challenge.

4th Quartermaster's Soldiers have been constantly proving their professionalism and physical fitness and it granted them the opportunity to award one of their Soldiers. SGT Trice, as a Specialist served as the Information Management Officer because of his vast knowledge of different network and information systems, was promoted on June 1, 2007. SGT Trice has proven to be worthy of his new chevrons as he now accepts greater responsibilities with his promotion.

Overall, the Soldiers of the 4th Quartermaster Detachment (Airborne) have proven to be motivated, ready, and eager to accept the next challenge headed their way. They are here to prove that they are sure always. Airborne!



98th takes part in the Warrior Leader Courses (WLC) STX/Graduation 07 By SSG Darcela Tucker

The 98th Maintenance took part of the Field Training Exercise, as the OPFOR, for Warrior Leaders Course Class #091. The OPFOR consisted of one NCO and eight soldiers (SGT Faulkner, SPC Ray, SPC Robson, SPC Hernandez, J., PFC King, SPC Nation, SPC Maldonado, SPC Miller, PV2 Smith R., SPC Wells) in seasonal field uniform, individual weapons, and one M240B and M249. The OPFOR also camp outside during the training exercise to conduct unexpected attacks during the night. The soldiers were able to give the graduating class some real life training as they performed the following task: convoy operations to a Blackhawk Helicopter/MEDIVAC, breached compound, react to indirect fire, and calling in IED/VBIED when seen in the terrain. During the exercise, the soldiers use a total of 4600 rounds for both M240B and M249. The soldiers of the 98th Maintenance (OPFOR) also took part in the "History of the NCO Yesterday and Today" segment during the graduation ceremony. They wore the battle dress uniforms and battle gear of yesterday and even the Army Combat uniforms of today. Hats off to these Soldiers of the 98th Maintenance for truly a job well done!

Happy 232nd Birthday US Army



The Arctic MP BN top brass cuts the cake in honor of the Army's birthday as the troop's rallies for the first BN run since the change of authority took place



The Battalion Commander and Sergeant Major Corner

By LTC Howard Hunt



Wow-it's been a whirlwind month for the Arctic MP BN- we have doubled the staff and quadrupled the size of the BN in the last 30 days- and you have all done an outstanding job transforming the organization! Truly a testimonial to the excellent Soldiers and leaders that make up the greatest army the world has seen- the US Army.

Summer is here and I feel like I am rushing around to take advantage of it all- but I am taking a breath and going over my safety checklist. Lesson: Don't

be in a rush to recreate. Alaska is truly a magnificent State of great natural beauty and numerous recreational opportunities. With that beauty come a hidden danger- the terrain and weather takes a toll every year on those that are unprepared. So be prepared for the changing weather and the dangers of the wilderness- its one thing to cut your foot in the backyard- it's a much different situation when that same incident happens and you are at a remote site several days from medical attention! So use your checklists, wear safety gear appropriate to reduce the risks, be prepared for the "what ifs", and when in doubt, be cautious and think before you act.

And enjoy the summer while you can because Winter is coming!

"Polar Bears!"

By MSG Gregrey Armstrong



Greetings too all Officers, NCOs and Soldiers of the Arctic MP Battalion; If I have not personally done this yet, I would like to welcome you to this ever growing professional organization. It has been a very fast paced 30 plus days and every new day have its challenges. I know that you and your organizations have worked hard adjusting to the new command, and we are also working hard to provide your units with outstanding leadership and steady loyalty.

Our short summer has arrived and I know everyone wants to get out there



and enjoy it before it leaves us again. I strongly encourage everyone to get out of your homes and enjoy the great Alaskan outdoors, but remember to approach all activities with safety in mind. Have fun, but always plan ahead and prepare for 'Murphy's Law' to interrupt your good time. When you least expect it, he will pop up! Also, do not forget about your Soldiers living in the barracks. I charge all leaders to get your single Soldiers out of the barracks and involved with the great outdoor activities that Alaska offers. There are so many MWR and outdoor recreation opportunities available for our Soldiers, and it would be a shame if they don't take advantage of them. I will continue to push out information on upcoming events to the leadership just

as soon as I hear about them. So get your Soldiers involved!

Last, we all are doing our part supporting the ongoing fight against terrorism, so keep up the great work, and enjoy your off time with fiends and family.

Be Vigilant, Be Ready, Be Safe!

"Polar Bears!"

Officer Candidates School Selection

Congratulations to the following
Polar Bears Class 08- 004:

**SSG Christopher Yankey of 164th MP
Company - (MP)**

**SPC Gerard Giblin of 164th MP
Company - (IN)**



CPT Bey from the Arctic MP BN gets the honor to enlist his Daughter into the Army



Polar Bear Calendar of Events

July 2007				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
2	3 Training Holiday	4 Independence Day	5	6
9 Teen Idol Auditions 7pm (YS)	10	11 22nd Bear Paw Festival - July 11-15, Eagle River	12	13
16	17 Make Up Day for Teen Idol Auditions 7pm (YS)	18	19	20
23	24	25 Teen Idol Show Down 5pm (YS)	26	27 AUSA Golf Tournament - July 27, Moose Run Golf Course
30	31			

"Leadership in a democratic army means firmness, not harshness; understanding, not weakness; justice, not license; humaneness, not intolerance; generosity, not selfishness; pride, not egotism. "

"General Omar N. Bradley"

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